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FOR AMBASSADOR MENDELEVICH FROM WARNKE

1. MOSCOW PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO AMBASSADOR
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MENDELEVICH FROM MR. WARNKE:

MR. AMBASSADOR, AT OUR LAST MEETING WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY
THE RELATION OF OUR TALKS TO THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE
INDIAN OCEAN. I STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AND
HOW TO DEAL WITH THE COMMITTEE NEEDED FURTHER EXAMINATION
AND SUGGESTED THAT WE REMAIN IN TOUCH THROUGH DIPLOMATIC

CHANNELS.

I BELIEVE, AS APPARENTLY YOU DO, THAT WE SHOULD KEEP THE AD HOC COMMITTEE INFORMED OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR TALKS WHICH MAY HAVE BEARING ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND BE OF INTEREST TO ITS MEMBERS. AT THE SAME TIME I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT MANY OF THE COMMITTEE'S GOALS CAN BEST BE APPROACHED NOT THROUGH MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BUT BY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT AND THEN REDUCE THE MILITARY

PRESENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. I BELIEVE YOU ALSO SHARE THIS VIEW.

I PROPOSE THEREFORE THAT WE REPLY TO THE INVITATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, USING THE TWO PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH--TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE INFORMED AND TO KEEP THE TALKS BILATERAL--AS THE BASIS FOR OUR REPLIES. IF YOU AGREE, OUR MISSIONS TO THE UN CAN COORDINATE THE TIMING AND CONTENT OF OUR RESPONSES TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S INVITATIONS.

ONCE WE HAVE TAKEN THIS STEP WE SHOULD INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF OUR TALKS. IN MOSCOW YOU GAVE US PROPOSED PARAMETERS ON WHICH THE SOVIET AND THE US REPORTS TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE COULD
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BE BASED. I SAID THEN THAT I BELIEVED THEY WERE AT ABOUT THE RIGHT LEVEL OF DETAIL AND THAT WE WOULD BE PROVIDING YOU SPECIFIC COMMENTS. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR VIEW OF HOW THESE PARAMETERS SHOULD BE STATED, QUOTE:

.....MAIN POINTS OF INFORMATION
.....FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UN AD HOC
.....COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN EARLIER UNDERSTANDING, THE DELEGATION OF THE U.S.S.R. AND THE U.S.A. MET IN MOSCOW BETWEEN JUNE 22 AND JUNE 27, 1977, FOR DISCUSSION ON INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS. THE MEETINGS WERE ORGANIZED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS, WHICH ARE BEING CONDUCTED ON A VARIETY OF ARMS CONTROL ISSUES.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS HELD, AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE ON POSSIBLE STEPS BY BOTH SIDES WHICH WOULD AVOID THE DANGER OF AN ESCALATING ARMS RACE IN THE AREA OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE IN THAT AREA. THE SIDES COMPARED THEIR POSITIONS, WHICH FACILITATED THEIR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

AND IDENTIFIED ASPECTS WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY.

3. IT WAS NOTED IN THE COURSE OF THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THAT THE LITTORAL STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS WELL AS OTHER STATES WHICH USE ITS WATERWAYS, HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE GOAL OF PREVENTING AN ARMS RACE BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THEY SHARE THIS GOAL.

4. THE TWO SIDES ALSO EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT IN SOLVING THE QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE

IN THE AREA OF THE INDIAN OCEAN FULL ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED RULES OF INTERNATIONAL
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LAW REGARDING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND FLIGHTS OF AIRCRAFT OVER THE WATERS OF THE HIGH SEAS, UNIMPEDED CONDUCT OF COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION, OCEANOGRAPHIC AND OTHER RESEARCH AS WELL AS OTHER APPLICABLE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

5. THE SIDES AGREED THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE CONTINUED.
END QUOTE.

YOU WILL RECALL MY STATEMENT ON JUNE 22 THAT EITHER SIDE SHOULD BE FREE TO CONSULT PRIVATELY WITH ITS ALLIES AND OTHER CONCERNED NATIONS WHICH HAVE A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE AREA. THEREFORE WE PROPOSE THAT THESE PARAMETERS BE APPLICABLE ONLY TO INFORMATION WE PROVIDE TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

IF YOU AGREE ON THIS STATEMENT OF THE PARAMETERS, I SUGGEST THAT OUR MISSIONS AT THE UN COORDINATE THE TIMING OF OUR REPORTS.

MR. AMBASSADOR, MAY I ALSO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE JULY 1 TASS COMMENTS ON OUR TALKS. I NOTE THAT THE TASS COMMENTARY COINCIDES IN MANY RESPECTS WITH THE SOVIET POSITION EXPRESSED DURING THE COURSE OF OUR TALKS. SINCE WE HAVE AGREED THAT OUR TALKS SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL, WE HOPE THAT THIS ARTICLE WILL NOT BE USED AS A PRECEDENT FOR FURTHER SOVIET PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ISSUE.
SIGNED, PAUL C. WARNKE

2. FOR USUN: THIS STEP IS NECESSARY PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF LETTER CONTAINED IN REFTEL IN ORDER TO ADHERE TO PROCEDURES AGREED TO IN MOSCOW. WE ANTICIPATE AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN ESSENTIALLY ITS CURRENT FORM ONCE WE HAVE MENDELEVICH'S
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AGREEMENT, AND YOU HAVE COORDINATED THE TIMING OF US AND
SOVIET REPLIES TO THE CHAIRMAN.

3. FOR LONDON: THE UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN
INFORMED OF THE ABOVE. VANCE

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